

**FULFILLING OUR MISSION**

*What the World So Desperately Needs...  
(Matthew 5:13-16)*

**INTRODUCTION:**

**PREVIOUSLY... RENEWING OUR DEVOTION (Colossians 4:2-6)**

- The Primary Concern in Prayer: The Proclamation and Advancement of the Gospel.

*“Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving; praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned; that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak.” (v. 2-4)*

- The Pivotal Complement to Prayer: Salt and Light Living.

*“Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.” (v. 5, 6)*

**TODAY...**

**1A. THE TWO \_\_\_\_\_ : (Matthew 5:13a, 14a)**

**1B. The World is in a State of \_\_\_\_\_ .**

*“...that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.”*

—Romans 8:21

*“For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.”*

—2 Peter 1:4

**2B. The World is in a State of \_\_\_\_\_ .**

*“This is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.”*

—John 3:19

*“I have come as Light into the world, so that everyone who believes in Me will not remain in darkness.”*

—John 12:46

2A. THE TWO \_\_\_\_\_ : (Matthew 5:13a, 14)

1B. "You are the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_."

*"But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and **manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place.**"*

—2 Corinthians 2:14

2B. "You are the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_."

*"...among whom **ye shine as lights in the world**, holding forth the word of life..."*

—Philippians 2:14-16

3A. THE TWO \_\_\_\_\_ : (Matthew 5:13b-15)

1B. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ ! (v. 13b)

*"...but **if the salt has become tasteless**, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men."*

1C. There must be a \_\_\_\_\_ in our conduct.

2C. There must be a \_\_\_\_\_ in our conduct.

2B. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ ! (v. 15)

*"...nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket..."*

4A. THE TWO \_\_\_\_\_ : (Matthew 5:16)

1B. To \_\_\_\_\_ the world with a clear and compelling witness. (v. 16a)

*"Let your light shine before men in such a way **that they may see your good works...**"*

2B. To \_\_\_\_\_ the world to the Father. (v. 16b)

*"... and **glorify your Father** who is in heaven."*

CONCLUSION: